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The true
C O P I E S
Of two
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Sent to the Right Honourable *Ferdinando*
Lord *Fairfax*, Lord Generall of the Forces in the
North, concerning the taking of the
Town of *Newcastle*.

The first from Sir *William Armin*, and Mr. *Fewick*. Dated
from *Bernwell*, *Octob. 19.*

The other from his Excellency the Earl of *LEVEN*, Lord
Generall of the Scottish Army : Dated, *Octob. 20.*

Wherein is exactly set down the manner how they took it,
being on *Saturday* the nineteenth of *October*, about six
of the Clock at night, by springing their Mines,
the Ordnance playing from break of the
day till three in the afternoon.



Y O R K E,
Printed by *Tho: Broad*, dwelling in Stone-
Gate over against the Signe of the Starre. 1644.

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AN EXACT
RELATION
OF

The taking of the Towne of Newcastle;
October 19.

As by it please your Lordship,



Is Excellencie the Lord Generall *Leven*, hath left no wayes or means unessayed to perswade the people in *Newcastle*, to render upon very fair and honourable termes, and after tryall made of a treaty, wherein the Lord *Hornely* and some others were imployed yesterday, and finding nothing but delays and scorns, his Excellencie and the rest of the Commanders, resol-

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ved to storm the Town, and when the breaches were ready, made both by Canon and severall Mines; they fell on betwixt two and three of the clocke this day, being Saturday, in severall Quarters of the town, and though the Inhabitants defended themselves very obstinately, yet it pleased God to give such good successe to the endeavours of our souldiers, who behaved themselves very gallantly, that in the close of the Evening they became Masters of the Town, and as wee hope without any great losse; but hereafter your Lordship shall know more particularly: We rest,

Your humble servants

Bernwell, Dated
O^rFeb. 19.

WIL. ARMIN.
R. B. FENWICK.

The Copie of a Letter sent from his Excellence Generall Leven, to the right Honourable the Lord Fairfax,

MY LORD,

THe cause of my so long not writing to your Lordship, was the expectation wee had of the taking of this Town, which it hath pleased God of his great mercy now to bestow upon us, with the losse of some Officers, and not any considerable number of common souldiers.

This 10. or 12. dayes by-past (being loath to attempt the Town by storm, both for feare of losing many of our men, and ruinating of the Town.) I tooke very great paines to invite and perswade Mr. Major with the rest of his wicked associates to surrender the town upon good tearmes and conditions: and at last with great difficulty obtained a Treaty to bee within the town of Newcastle upon Friday last, where

where they did nothing but juggle and
 jeere with our Commissioners, who were
 sent to treat with them, not permitting
 any thing to come in writ of that which
 was propounded unto them, or of their
 own Demands to us; but desired they
 might have 20. dayes time to advise whe-
 ther they should surrender the Towne or
 not, and thereafter they would treat upon
 the tearms and conditions; it were but te-
 dious to relate, how base, obstinate, and
 pertinacious, all their Letters & discourses
 have bin, vvith which I will forbear to
 trouble your Lordship.

Vpon Friday at 4. of the clock in the
 yening after our Commissioners came out
 of the Towne, and gave up treating with
 them, I caused conveen all our Officers, and
 gave order for storming the town upon the
 morrow being yesterday; our Canon begun
 at day light, and did brash the walls from
 four severall Batteries, till it was 3. a clock
 in the afternoon, our Canon in Gate-side
 still playing upon those within the town.
 The breaches were ready at past three a
 clocke

clock, & presently thereafter, two Mines did play, which made brave execution upon the walls: the fires being made (which was our sign) our men fell on very resolutely at all the breaches, with which the Walls were defended with as much courage as could bee for a long time: But to speak truth, I have never seen any thing attempted more hardly & manfully, without so much as the recoiling of one man either Officer or Souldier: nay many that were appointed for our Reserve, broke in so desperately over the Walls, that wee were faine to send horsemen to stand in their places: so it pleased God after some more then an hours time within the Walls, our men pursuing the Victorie from all Quarters, the enemy did abandon all, Mr. Major, the Lord *Crawford*, and a number of that Crew betaking themselves to the Castle for Sanctuarie, who have this Day sent forth to sollicite that they may have libertie to go to the next Garrison vwhere the Kings Forces are, and those that have a
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mind to stay at their own houses may have libertie to do the same. But I am hopefull to give your Lordship a better account of them before it bee long. Our Officers and Souldiers have shewed great mercie, in committing no execution after the Town was taken: wee haue all great reason to glorifie God, for removing this block out of the way, which I hope vvill conduce much to the furtherance of a long-vvish't for and happie peace: Which I pray God of his infinite mercie to grant, to all his Majesties Dominions. I shall earnestly intreat to heare from your Lordship, of all the proceedings in the South, and of any other thing you are pleased to command,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most humble Servant,

Newcastle.
Octobr. 20.

L E V E N.

